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MOLDINGS FROM CASTINGS**  
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Sir:

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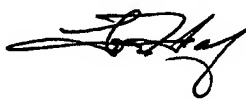
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	C	5,294,094	03/94	Crafton et al.	266	44	
	D	5,350,160	09/94	Crafton et al.	266	252	
	E	5,354,038	10/94	Crafton	266	44	
	F	5,439,045	08/95	Crafton	164	5	
	G	5,551,998	09/96	Crafton et al.	148	538	
	H	5,738,162	04/98	Crafton	164	5	
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	Q	Economical Used Energy Type Continuing Heat Treating Furnace For Aluminum Castings Dogyo - Kanetsu Vol. 21 No. 2 Pages 29-36 - March 1984
	R	Brochures describing Beardsley & Pipe PNEU-RECLAIM Sand Reclamation Units Prior to August 13, 1992
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	X	4,700,766	10/87	Godderidge	164	5	
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	AG	6316853	01/88	Japan	164	132		
	AH	3206048	02/82	Germany				
	AI	2307773	02/73	Germany				

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	AJ	Paul M. Crafton - Heat Treating Aging System Also Permits Core Sand Removal - Reprinted from 09/89 Modern Castings magazine
	AK	Preliminary Remarks dated 07/30/91 and filed in Serial No. 07/705,626
	AL	Declaration of Paul M. Crafton & Scott P. Crafton dated 07/26/91 and filed in Serial Number 07/705,626

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	AP	3,534,946	10/70	Westerkamp et al.	263	28	
	AQ	4,577,671	03/86	Stephan	164	401	
	AR	4,544,013	10/85	Kearney et al.	164	5	
	AS	4,955,425	09/90	McKenna	164	269	
	AT	4,582,301	04/86	Wunning	266	87	
	AU	2,385,596	10/45	Barnett	34	13	
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	AZ	1129012	07/82	USSR				
	BA	2914221	04/79	Germany				
	BB	1569152	06/80	UK				

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	BC	On Sale Description regarding System of Consolidated Engineering System (before 8/13/92)
	BD	Sales brochure describing Thermfire Brand Sand Reclamation, Gudgeon Bros., Ltd. believed to be known to others prior to 09/89
	BE	Sales brochure describing Simplicity/Richards Gas-Fired Thermal Reclamation System Simplicity Engineering, Inc. - believed to be known to others prior to 09/89

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	BT	7043571	12/70	France	15/00	11/00		
	BU	1392405	04/75	UK	25/00	33/18		
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	BV	Sales brochure describing AirTrac Brand Fluidizing Conveyor, Air Trac Systems Corp., believed to be known to others prior to 09/89						
	BW	Sales brochure describing Fluid Bed Calcifer Thermal Sand Reclamation Systems, Dependable Foundry Equipment Co. - Believed to be known to others prior to 09/89						
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	CP	4,177,952	12/79	Rikker	241	40	
	CQ	4,325,424	04/82	Scheffer	164	5	
	CR	6,112,803	09/00	Kruger	164	103	
	CS	5,443,383	08/95	Kuehn	432	128	
	CT	4,627,814	12/86	Hattori et al.	432	128	
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	DM	5,263,652	11/93	Iwanami et al.	241	57	
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